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**Between the Seas: Baltic - Pontic Contact Space in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium BC**

The presentation is devoted to some selected questions from the prehistory of areas situated between two seas: the Baltic Sea on the North-West and the Black Sea on the South East. To be precise, the subject-matter are territories between two big rivers, namely the Vistula and Dnieper. There is the so called Dniester-Bug limes, one of the most important ecological and cultural borders of our continent, that runs across the areas in question. Despite many essential differences, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC the territories between the Vistula and Dnieper rivers were covered by the network of multidirectional circulation of people and new ideas. From the given point of view symptoms of presence of the eastern origins patterns on the Vistula, as well as the western origins patterns on the Dnieper are discussed and some proposals of their interpretation are done.